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Defector Says He's Czar's Son

Counter-Spy A Romanoff?

NEW YORK — (UPI) — Col. Michael Goleniewski, a defector from the Polish secret service who was revealed as a counter-spy by the U.S. government, made his first official bid Saturday for recognition as the son of the late Czar Nicholas II of Russia.

Goleniewski, who was made a U.S. citizen by act of Congress, stated in a three-column advertisement in The New York Journal-American that he is the Czarevich Alexei Nicholaevich and that all four of his sisters also are alive. The claim had been made previously on behalf of the alleged Romanoffs by a New York publisher, Robert Speller, who will publish a book entitled "The Reappearance of the Romanoffs."

The former Polish colonel took the ad in answer to a statement made by Count Georgia Grabbe, protopresbyter of the synod of Russian Orthodox bishops outside Russia, in the newspaper Novoye Russkoye Slovo Dec. 8 saying he had never recognized Goleniewski as the czarevich.

The archpriest-count married Goleniewski to a woman of Russian extraction in Russian Orthodox rites last September.

Both the marriage license and the religious marriage docu-

ments referred to Goleniewski as Alexei Nicholaevich Romanoff.

Goleniewski claimed the archpriest had been influenced by the same "forces" that prevented the reappearance of the family for 47 years after it escaped the Bolsheviks. He said one of the motivations for "isolating" him and his sisters was interest in "my father's inheritance in the West, approximately 400 million dollars which has been deposited for more than 50 years" in various European banks.

The defector claims that both the czar and czarina escaped assassination at Ekaterinberg, as originally believed until a white Russian commission found a few charred bones there, and lived in Poland under assumed names until 1924 and 1952 respectively. He said the family's identity was suppressed by "provocation, insinuation and manipulation."

Cleve Backster, an identification expert who has been an adviser to the FBI, said recently that fingerprints and dental comparisons indicated that Goleniewski is the czarevich.

The fingerprints were allegedly obtained from documents found in England which had been handled by the czar's son. Goleniewski also has medical documents proving he is a hemophiliac, as was the czarevich.

Lie detector tests given Goleniewski's alleged sister, the Grand Duchess Anastasia, at the time Speller published her book last year, were not definitive. Since then women claiming to be the Grand Duchesses Olga, Tatiana, and Maria have emerged at the bidding of Goleniewski and Anastasia to sustain the family claim.

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